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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Iraq

Other matters

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m. –1 p.m. . . . . 1495th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

Security Council

An open meeting of the Security Council will be held on *Monday, 28 October 2002*, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Tuesday, 22 October 2002, between 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58, 60-73):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 61* (A/57/166, A/57/166/Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); *item 66* (A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1, A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114, A/57/114/Add.1, A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121, A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/121/Add.2, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167, A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/221/Add.1, A/57/221/Corr.1, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/L.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.3/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.8, A/C.1/57/L.10, A/C.1/57/L.14, A/C.1/57/L.17, A/C.1/57/L.18, A/C.1/57/L.21, A/C.1/57/L.24/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.26/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.49/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.58); *item 67* (A/57/116, A/57/124, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/383, A/57/79-S/2002/551, A/C.1/57/L.11, A/C.1/57/L.15, A/C.1/57/L.16, A/C.1/57/L.35, A/C.1/57/L.55, A/C.1/57/L.56, A/C.1/57/L.57); *item 69* (A/57/454, A/C.1/57/L.27); *item 70* (A/57/181, A/C.1/57/L. 46); A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3, A/C.1/57/4, A/C.1/57/INF/1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [114]

   General discussion on the current financial situation of the United Nations (A/57/498)

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

   Capital master plan (A/57/285 and A/57/7/Add.4)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]

1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65 and A/57/281-S/2002/895)); and 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/57/362 and A/57/7/Add.3) and Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations Web site in all official languages of the Organization (A/57/355 and A/57/7/Add.2))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Pattern of conferences (A/57/32 and A/57/32/Corr.1, A/57/228, A/57/228/Add.1 and A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901, A/57/472 and A/C.5/57/18))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 am.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. UNITAR
2. Results-based budgeting
3. Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Second Committee

Third Committee

Briefing

10 a.m. –12 noon . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Briefing by Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, followed by an interactive discussion [In his briefing, Dr. Piot will update delegations on the forthcoming report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the twenty-sixth special session (HIV/AIDS) and the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. He will, in addition, share his views on the way forward in the global response to the epidemic. The briefing is jointly convened by the Chairmen of the Second and Third Committees, in preparation for the consideration of item 42, which will take place on 8 November 2002 in plenary session.]

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), on all outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council (A/57/75-E/2002/57, A/57/262-E/2002/82, A/57/319-E/2002/85, E/2002/14/Add.4, E/2002/24-E/CN.3/2002/31, E/2002/49, E/2002/53, E/2002/84, E/2002/L.37 and E/2000/32-E/C.14/2000/11)

[1] Following the briefing on UNAIDS in Conference Room 4.

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on draft decision E/2002/L.38 and programme budget implications (E/2002/L.39)

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . 44th plenary meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2002/49, E/2000/32-E/C.14/2000/11) . . . . . [1]

Introduction and action on decision on themes

Provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

2. Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfill the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries emerging from conflict . . . . . [4]

Introduction and action on draft decision E/2002/L.38 and programme budget implications E/2002/L.39

3. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations Conferences and Summits (E/2002/53, A/57/75-E/2002/57) . . . . . [6 (a)]

4. Follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319-E/2002/85) . . . . . [7]

5. Regional cooperation (E/2002/15/Add.4) . . . . . [10]

6. Statistical Commission (E/2002/24-E/CN.3/2002/31 and E/2002/L.37) . . . . . [13 (c)]

7. Public administration and Development (A/57/262-E/2002/82, E/2002/84) . . . [13 (g)]

8. Question of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) (E/2002/81) . . . . . [14 (b)]

9. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Elections and nominations postponed from the previous session:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Committee for Programme and Coordination

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts of International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (E/2002/L.1/Add.27)

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Council.

Other meetings

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Friday, 25 October 2002

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 87 (b), (d), (e) and (f); and the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council)*

9.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Southern African Development Community *(Second Committee)*

11–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

Morning[1] . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

[1] Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the First Committee.

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

1.45–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Economic Community of Central African States *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 109 (a)), organized by the delegation of Iceland

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Namibia, on the Third Committee draft resolution on the girl child *(all interested delegations are invited)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of member countries of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
(at the expert level)

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Member countries of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization *(at the expert level)*, to discuss the proposals on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization"

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: racism)*

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Uruguay, on the Third Committee draft resolution on the rights of the child (agenda item 105)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 25 October 2002

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Anastase Gasana (Rwanda) (to discuss the report of the Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

12 noon . . . . . Mr. Mahmoud Kassem, Chairman of the Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (to discuss the report of the Panel)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 28 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

3 p.m. . . . . . 36th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the ninth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/57/379) . . . . . [45]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/57/163) . . . [46]

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Second Committee

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

Third Committee

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning[1]	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 29 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will take up agenda item 79 (Questions relating to information) at its meeting on Tuesday, 29 October 2002, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on this item as well as in discussions on the remaining agenda items are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible. The remaining agenda items are: items 79 (Questions relating to information); item 76 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and item 77 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). The inscription list is located in room S-2977 (tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2002, in the morning, and the 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, also in the morning. Both Pledging Conferences will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences, in writing, to Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Monday, 28 October, to Monday, 4 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations on *Thursday, 31 October 2002*, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Western European and Other States Group

There will be a closed meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Monday, 28 October 2002, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Tuesday, 29 October to Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Expert briefing for Sixth Committee members and all other interested parties on human cloning

There will be an expert briefing for Sixth Committee members and all other interested parties on human cloning on Tuesday, 29 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Nigel M. Cameron and Mr. David A. Prentice, experts, will be addressing the scientific and ethical facts of human embryo cloning.

UNDP Human Development Report 2002 – Deepening Democracy in a Fragmented World

There will be a presentation and discussion of the *Human Development Report 2002 – Deepening Democracy in a Fragmented World* on Wednesday, 30 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mrs. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, will present the report with Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as NGO representatives are welcome to attend. This seminar is part of the UNITAR series, launched under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 24 October 2002

Security Council

4632nd meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1189, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1189) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1189) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1440 (2002).

4633rd meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Yugoslavia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2002/29).

4634th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Letter dated 15 October 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1146)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo at his request to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Kassem, Chairman of the Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Kassem.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Léonard She Okitundu, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

15th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [78]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements from the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Cyprus, Guatemala, Senegal, Nigeria, Malawi, Nepal, Yugoslavia, Slovakia and Sri Lanka.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine introduced draft resolution A/C.4/57/L.8* entitled "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers".

The delegations of Australia, Austria, Belarus, Benin, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mali, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Sweden and Tunisia also became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.4/57/L.8* without a vote.

The Under-Secretary-General of Peacekeeping Operations made a concluding statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel, Turkey, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cyprus.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Tuesday afternoon, 29 October 2002, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 79 (Questions relating to information); delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers for this item as soon as possible, as well as for the remaining agenda items (item 76 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and item 77 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories)).

Second Committee

17th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development . . . [84 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.10

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [86]

(a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.12

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution,on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14

The representative of Belarus introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Croatia, Kazakhstan and Thailand.

(c) Culture and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.11

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as India and Kazakhstan.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.13

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and also responded to questions raised by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

Third Committee

26th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Sweden orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Colombia, India, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Cameroon, China, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Malawi, Mongolia, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.20/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Botswana, Colombia, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Nicaragua, the United States of America and Vanuatu had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Madagascar, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Sao Tome and Principe, Swaziland, Uruguay and Zimbabwe, joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of New Zealand orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Colombia, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Sri Lanka, Sudan and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bolivia, Burundi, El Salvador, Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Sao Tome and Principe, Tunisia and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.22

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Pakistan orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Belarus, Jamaica and Oman had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ecuador, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, Sao Tome and Principe and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.28

The Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Loreto Leyton (Chile), informed the Committee of the outcome of her consultations on the draft resolution and presented it on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [107]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [108]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Iraq, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Liechtenstein, Algeria, China, Egypt , Saudi Arabia, Barbados, Mauritania, Lebanon and Belarus.

The representative of the ILO also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 107 and 108 was Tuesday, 29 October, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

15th meeting

Pattern of conferences (A/57/32 and A/57/32/Corr.1, A/57/228, A/57/228/Add.1 and A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901, A/C.5/57/18 and A/57/472) . . . . . [116]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the afore-mentioned reports and heard statements by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Morocco, Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum Group), China, Latvia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Japan, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) and Saudi Arabia.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Friday, 25 October 2002, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Gerard Ho (Singapore).

Action on draft proposals

The Committee considered the draft proposals before it.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [110]

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.9 which had been coordinated by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [111]

Common Services

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.14.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [111]

Human resources management . . . . . [118]

Gratis personnel

The representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [112]

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.8.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Videoconferencing at the United Nations

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.10.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.11.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Delivery of advisory services

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.12.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.13.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [115]

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.6.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Joint Inspection Unit . . . . . [119]

The representative of Indonesia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.7.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [122]

The representative of Botswana, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The representative of Portugal, coordinator of the question of cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions under agenda item 112 entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003", made a proposal.

In light of the proposal of the representative of Portugal, the Committee agreed to request the Secretariat to prepare a draft decision on that question by which the General Assembly would take note of the note of the Secretary-General (A/57/361) and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.3).

The Chairman also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

19th meeting

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property . . . . . [154]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 154.

The representatives of the United States, Morocco, Slovakia, Hungary, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Nepal and Myanmar made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 154.

The Chairman made a statement.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session . . . . . [155]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.15 without a vote. The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement in explanation of position before taking action on the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 155.

Corrigendum

First Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 20th meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* (No. 2002/208, p. 13): the fourth and fifth paragraphs should read as follows:

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.23/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote. In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Malaysia, Ireland and Pakistan. A general statement was made by the representative of Ireland (who spoke on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition). In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of China.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 24 October 2002

2057th meeting — The Committee held an informal meeting with States Parties.

2058th meeting — *Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant* . [10]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Oman (16 October 2002)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978. Hamburg, 31 March 1978

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (16 October 2002)[1]

International Convention on Arrest of Ships, 1999. Geneva, 12 March 1999

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (16 October 2002)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification: Belgium (23 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

United Nations Staff Day

The United Nations Staff Day will open with a brief flag-raising ceremony to remember all personnel fallen in the service of the Organization. The ceremony will be held *today*, 25 October 2002, at 9.30 a.m. at the flagpole located in the Secretariat Circle near the Delegates' Entrance of the General Assembly Hall. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the United Nations Security Coordinator, Mr. Tun Myat, and the President of the Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, are scheduled to speak at the event. The observance will end with the reading out of the names of our 63 colleagues, both military and civilian, who have lost their lives since the last Staff Day. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the General Assembly Hall. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:
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H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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